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## **KC MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS FOR CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK COCAINE**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

**Ramon B. Strickland**, 28, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to 10 years in federal prison without parole for conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

On July 1, 2003, **Strickland** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between Dec. 1, 1999, and Jan. 7, 2000.

**Strickland** is the second co-defendant to be sentenced in this case.

On Nov. 30, 2001, **Sirron B. Rand**, 25, of Kansas City, was sentenced to three years and seven months in federal prison without parole. On June 6, 2001, **Rand** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney D. Michael Green. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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